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Attorney Docket No.: CIT1560-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Benzer and Min
Application No.: 09/895,141
Filed: June 29, 2001
Title: LIFE EXTENSION OF DROSOPHILA BY A DRUG TREATMENT

Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: P. G. Spivack
Confirmation No.: 8276

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Amendment in Response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004 (8 pgs.);
2. Exhibit A (1 pg.); and
3. Return Receipt Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, April 15, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Gregory P. Austin
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April 15, 2004
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

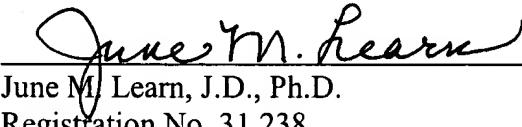
The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	11	22	0	x \$09	x \$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1	4	0	x \$43	x \$86	\$0
						TOTAL FEE \$0

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this communication. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee associated with this communication, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 15, 2004



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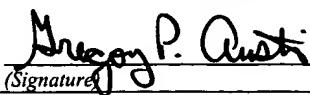
AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, and further responsive to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004, reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four of this paper.

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